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Occupied Germany:

Attached as Appendices "A", "B" and "C" are reports of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ending 6 April 1946. Attached as Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the two week period of 1-15 March 1946 (Veterinary reports are made only semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases: The incidence of whooping cough and typhoid fever has shown a decrease for the United States Zone during the week ending 6 April 1946. The project of immunizing the entire population of Bremen and Wesermunde against typhoid fever has progressed. The acute outbreak of dysentery in Lauterbach during the previous week is now under control. Only three cases of typhus fever were reported in the U. S. Zone for this week, all of which were in Berlin. Gonorrhea and Tuberculosis of the lung and larynx continue to show an increase. Nord Baden reports 14 cases of undulant fever in Heidelberg and Karlsruhe.

Medical Supplies: Land Greater Hesse reports that negotiations are underway for the sale of excess Army medical supplies, including 10,000 much needed beds, to the Land government. Action is being taken in Bavaria to release gold from bullion sources because there is no gold available for dental purposes. Production orders to a producer at Hoechst have resulted in production of scabicides at an increased rate.

Nutrition: During the period 6-15 March a nutritional survey was conducted in six Bezirke of the United States Sector of Berlin, covering approximately 2700 people, with the result that in comparison with American standards the people of nearly all categories were found to be slightly underweight. Over half of the children sampled were not receiving Vitamin D supplements. Bremen reports that a new category has been established providing a 2560 calory diet for tuberculosis patients in hospitals or sanitoria.

Venereal Disease: The Venereal Disease Center of Bremen reports excellent results with Penicillin with only 3 cases out of the last 50 treated at the Hautklinik requiring a second course. Laender Greater Hesse and Wuerttemberg-Baden are reported to have efficiently functioning German organizations for venereal disease control. The venereal disease control officer has just been appointed in Bavaria.

Sanitation: Greater Hesse reports that a survey of the water supply for every community of 1000 population or more has been completed recently and turned over to the Public Health Section. All firms and individuals engaged in pest control work in Greater Hesse have been placed under the supervision of one man, and all supplies for pest control have been placed on a controlled distribution to enable complete coverage by the Land. One-hundred and seventy-six (176) communities reported inadequate transportation facilities for collection and disposal of garbage and refuse. However, as yet no health problem has arisen due to the extremely low amounts of waste matter. One-hundred and thirty (130) places in Greater Hesse reported public baths in operation during February with a daily capacity of 2445 persons. Additional baths are being established.

Animal Diseases: Appendix "D" give a summary of animal diseases during the two week period of 1-15 March 1946 together with a comparison of the three previous report periods. The most serious diseases reported during the first half of March were cholera of pigs, erysipelas of pigs, infectious anemia of horses, plague of fowls, and scabies of horses.

APPENDIX "A"

**Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 6 April 1946**

* No data submitted.

of Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.

APPENDIX "B"

Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 6 April 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE										c: cases	d: deaths					
		Typhoid Fever	Scarlet Fever	Tbc. Lung & Larynx	Tbc. other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningoococcus	Gonorrhœa	Syphilis	Paratyphoid	Dysentery	Infectious Poisoning	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
Bavaria	8,258,476	c	—	313	57	294	33	135	1	840	225	42	15	4	—	—	1	
Greater Hesse	3,489,684	p	—	—	14	—	94	7	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	
Württemberg	2,979,897	c	—	222	67	218	27	42	2	—	550	200	19	2	6	—	17	578
Baden	—	p	—	—	7	1	41	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	114
Bremen Port Command	460,019	c	—	196	31	117	28	74	1	—	412	83	4	1	3	1	14	3
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	p	—	—	8	—	35	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2492
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	c	—	45	7	23	3	—	1	—	149	48	2	1	2	—	—	421
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	p	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	c	—	81	18	84	4	*	—	—	243	90	10	—	7	—	*	*
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	p	—	3	—	41	—	*	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	c	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,258,476	—	—	—	19.72	3.59	18.52	2.08	.51	.06	52.92	14.18	2.65	.95	.25	—	.0674.59	.13	.32	3.84	.06		
Greater Hesse	3,489,684	—	—	—	33.08	9.98	32.48	4.02	6.26	.30	—	81.95	29.80	2.83	.30	.89	—	2.5386.12	—	—	16.99	3.58	
Württemberg	2,979,897	—	—	—	34.30	5.43	20.48	4.90	12.95	.18	—	72.10	14.53	.70	.18	.52	18.245	.52	436.10	—	1.23	1.231.58	
Baden	—	—	—	—	50.85	7.91	25.99	3.39	—	1.13	—	168.37	54.24	2.26	1.13	2.26	—	—	487.03	—	—	16.95	—
Bremen Port Command	460,019	—	—	—	45.20	10.04	46.87	2.23	*	—	—	135.56	50.22	5.58	—	3.91	—	*	*	—	1.12	*	
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	1.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*		

* No data submitted.

APPENDIX "C"

**Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 6 April 1946**

Regierungs-Bezirk	Popu-lation	Total U. S. Zone \$	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Choleræ	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Tubercolosis Lung & Larynx	Tubercolosis other	Whooping Cough	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenceza	Measles						
Mainfranken	931,638	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.80	5.71	23.53	3.04	8.28	.13	0.3	67.48	19.73	2.48	.59	.66	.03	.46	.69	.38	—	0.7	.46	6.01	1.12
Ober- und Mittelfranken	2,157,602	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.76	5.02	36.82	3.91	2.79	—	—	40.18	13.40	11.12	24.11	.12	—	—	* 87.05	—	—	.56	10.04	*		
Niederbayern und Oberpfalz	2,047,792	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.04	3.36	15.66	.96	5.30	.24	—	61.70	17.10	2.41	.24	—	—	.24	75.43	—	—	.24	3.86	.24		
Schwaben	1,065,143	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.22	1.02	8.90	2.28	*	—	—	51.82	12.20	4.32	2.28	—	—	* 94.49	—	—	.25	* *	*			
Oberbayern	2,056,301	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.88	4.88	22.45	2.44	*	—	—	.48	34.65	12.68	3.90	—	—	* *	—	—	* *	* *	*			
Kassel	1,090,205	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34.34	7.63	20.51	6.68	6.20	.48	—	60.10	15.74	2.38	.48	—	—	—	1.91	96.83	—	—	—	8.11		
Wiesbaden	1,313,985	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.49	9.50	32.08	4.36	11.48	.40	—	114.84	47.52	3.56	.40	—	—	—	16.63	—	—	—	1.19	.40		
Hessen	1,085,494	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34.97	12.93	45.03	.95	*	—	—	64.19	22.51	2.40	—	2.87	—	—	6.23	159.51	—	—	—	53.17	2.87	
Baden	1,076,740	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.44	3.86	21.25	4.83	10.14	—	—	81.63	9.66	—	.48	—	6.76	1.45	1124.91	—	—	3.38	.97	—		
Württemberg	1,903,157	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.39	6.28	19.32	4.92	14.48	.27	—	66.34	17.20	1.09	.27	.55	—	—	44.50	—	—	—	1.36	2.46		
Bremen Port Command	\$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.85	7.91	25.99	3.39	—	1.13	—	168.37	54.24	2.26	1.13	2.26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.95	—	
Berlin (Am Sector)	931,9651.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45.20	10.14	46.87	2.23	*	—	—	155.59	50.22	55.58	—	3.91	* *	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.12	* *	

* No data Submitted.

^g Bremen included in reports from British Zone — Not included in totals on this report.
(Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum.)

APPENDIX "D"

Incidence of Communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone

of Germany for Period 1—15 March 1946

(Summarized from semi-monthly reports of Regierungsbezirksstaerze)

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period.

Regierungsbezirk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Total US Zone 16-31 Jan 46	25																										
Total US Zone 1-15 Feb 46	2	87																									
Total US Zone 16-28 Feb 46	24																										
Total US Zone 1-15 Mar 46	20																										
Land Bavaria	14																										
Mainfranken	1																										
Ober- and Mittelfranken																											
Nied.-Bayern & Oberpfalz	13																										
Schwaben																											
Oberbayern																											
Land Greater Hesse	6																										
Kassel	6																										
Wiesbaden																											
Hessen																											
Land Württemberg-Baden	16																										
Baden	3																										
Württemberg	13																										
Bremen Enclave																											
Berlin Dist. (US Sector)																											

Data included in British summaries

